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SUBJ: W/W AMCITS IN TURKISH AREAS

- 1. TURKISH EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY ARGUN OZPAY (MUST BE PROTECTED) TOLD EMBOFF SEPT 17 THAT HIS AMBASSADOR AND RPP FOREIGN POLICY EXPERT HALUK ULMAN MET WITH COMMANDER TURKISH FORCES IN CYPRUS, GEN. DEMIREL, PREVIOUS EVENING ON SUBJECT AMCITS LOCATED IN TURKISH AREAS. ACCORDING OZPAY, AMB. INHAN AND ULMAN SOUGHT CONVINCE DEMIREL THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR ORIGINS, ARE AMERICAN CITIZENS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW AND SHOULD BE HANDED OVER TO THIS EMBASSY. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY WERE UNSUCCESSFUL.
- 2. OZPAY STATED TURKISH EMBASSY HAS SENT TELEGRAM TO ANKARA REQUESTING SUBJECT BE REVIEWED BY CABINET LEVEL COMMITTEE AND ORDERS BE ISSUED TO MILITARY AUTHORITIES INSTRUCTING THEM BRING ALL AMCITS TO NICOSIA FOR RELEASE INTO OUR CUSTODY. ALSO, TURKISH EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED MILITARY BE ORDERED RESTORE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT FOR DIPLOMATIC CORPS.
- 3. OZPAY CLAIMED TURKISH EMBASSY HAS PURSUED BOTH SUBJECTS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN CYPRUS. SUGGESTED FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS BE MADE IN ANKARA AND, POSSIBLE, WASHINGTON.

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4. FINALLY, OZPAY ASKED WE SUBMIT FURTHER LISTS OF AMCITS

AND AMERICAN PROPERTY LOCATED IN TURKISH AREAS THROUGH FOREIGN
MINISTRY, AS WELL AS LOCALLY. STATED THAT TURKISH EMBASSY HAS
GREATER INFLUENCE WITH MILITARY WHEN REQUEST COMES THROUGH
ANKARA CHANNELS. WE WILL SEND UPDATED LISTS BY SEPTELS.
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